## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are all the claims pending in the application.

## **Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the present application on July 19, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the information disclosed therein and return an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 form with the next communication from the PTO.

## **Anticipation Rejection**

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hotta et al. (US2004/0063033) ("Hotta").

In response, Applicants note that Hotta is a reference against the present claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as of Hotta's U.S. filing date of September 16, 2003. However, Applicants have claimed priority to JPA No. 2003-047324, filed February 25, 2003, and thus Applicants submit herewith a sworn English language translation of JPA No. 2003-047324 to antedate Hotta and remove it from the prior art. In this regard, Applicants note that claims 1-21 are supported by the disclosure at, e.g., pages 1-4 in the sworn translation.

Thus, Applicants submit that the present invention is not anticipated by Hotta, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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**Conclusion** 

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

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